

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7 – 12 and 14 are currently pending and rejected.

The applicants cancel claim 14 and amend claim 7. The applicants assert that the canceled claim 14 is patentable and reserve the right to prosecute it in a related application.

The applicants amend claim 7 to more clearly recite an aspect of the invention, not to overcome the examiner's rejections. The applicants respectfully assert that claims 7 – 12, as amended, are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed below.

Rejection against Claims 7 – 12

The applicants respectfully assert that claim 7, as amended, is patentable over U.S. Patents 6,164,425 (Latshaw), 6,997,274 (Metten), 2,668,721 (Wright) and 2,890,061 (Watson) at least because each fails to disclose or suggest at least one caster wheel mounted on the wheeled end of the support that can pivot about an axis other than the longitudinal axis of the wheel's axle. Support for this can be found in FIG. 2 and paragraph 23 of the applicants' specification.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic elements are required. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. And third, the references when combined must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. MPEP; 8th edition; §2143.

Latshaw, Metten, Wright and Watson each fail to disclose or suggest at least one caster wheel mounted on the wheeled end of the support and that can pivot about an axis other than the longitudinal axis of the wheel's axle. Latshaw shows two wheels 52 and 53 in FIG. 2 that are mounted on an end of a support 50 (FIGS 1 and 2) and that are not caster wheels that can pivot about an axis other than the longitudinal axis of the wheel's axle. Likewise, Metten shows two wheels 13 in FIGS. 1a and 2a that are mounted on an end of a support 11 (FIGS. 1a and 2a) and that are not caster wheels that can pivot about an axis other than the longitudinal axis of

the wheel's axle. Likewise, Wright shows two wheels 44 in FIGS. 2 and 3 that are mounted on an end of a support 36 (FIGS. 2 and 3) and that are not caster wheels that can pivot about an axis other than the longitudinal axis of the wheel's axle. Likewise, Watson shows two wheels 14 in FIGS. 1 – 3 that are mounted on an end of a support 16 (FIGS. 1 – 3) and that are not caster wheels that can pivot about an axis other than the longitudinal axis of the wheel's axle.

Therefore, Latshaw, Mettwn, Wright and Watson each fail to support a *prima facie* case for obviousness against claim 7, as amended.

Claims 8 - 12 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies on claim 7, as amended.

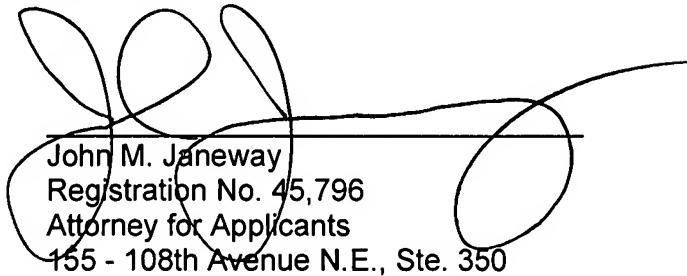
Conclusion

The applicants respectfully request the examiner withdraw the rejection against claims 7 – 12, as amended, and issue an allowance for these claims.

If, after considering this response, the examiner believes the claims should not be allowed, the applicants respectfully request that before issuing an Office Action, the examiner call the applicants' attorney, Mr. Janeway (425-455- 5575), to schedule a telephone conference to further the prosecution of the claims.

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